



**CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

ACCEPTED

**MEMBERS**

James Tillotson, Chairman  
George Moreau, Vice-Chairman  
Donald Demers  
Robert J. Zygarowski  
Timothy McLellan

**MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2010**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present: Tillotson, Demers, Zygarowski, McLellan

Absent Moreau

Also Present Councilor Laflamme, Councilor Krampits, Councilor Swider, Councilor Brunetti, Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Chris Nolan (Mayor's Chief of Staff), Carole Harms (City Collector)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

**ITEM #1**

ORDAINED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, ACTING UNDER SECTION 15 OF CHAPTER 60 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED, THE CITY CHARTER, AND OF ANY AND EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY IT THEREUNTO ENABLING, HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION ENTITLED "13-7 FEES OF THE COLLECTOR":

13-7 Fees of the Collector. The Collector shall maintain and enforce a fee schedule and as permitted by sections 15 and 23B of Chapter 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended.

Carole Harms informed the committee that this ordinance would authorize the Collector to create a fee schedule. She stated that she would like the fee set at \$15.00 beginning July 1, 2010.

Committee recommends that the demand fee be \$15.00 as of 7/1/10.

Committee vote 4 - 0 favorable.

**ITEM #2**

ORDERED: THAT A PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT, ACCOMPANIED BY A BILL FOR A SPECIAL LAW RELATING TO THE TERM OF MAYOR IN THE CITY OF CHICOPEE TO BE FILED WITH AN ATTESTED COPY OF THIS ORDER BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED UNDER CLAUSE (1) OF SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE 2, AS AMENDED, OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO THE END THAT THE

ATTACHED LEGISLATION BE ADOPTED PRECISELY AS FOLLOWS, EXCEPT FOR CLERICAL OR EDITORIAL CHANGES OF FORM ONLY: -

#### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF CHICOPEE AND THE TERM OF MAYOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The term of Mayor in the City of Chicopee shall be four years.

SECTION 2. Said Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1897 is hereby further amended by adding the following new sentence to the end of the paragraph in Section 6 of Article II of said Act: - "The term of the Mayor shall be four years."

SECTION 3. This Act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Chicopee for their acceptance in the next scheduled state election in November 2010 and shall take effect for the 2011 municipal election upon their acceptance.

SECTION 4. So much of this Act shall as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of said City shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless and until it is accepted by the qualified voters of the City of Chicopee.

The committee recommends that the language in Section 1 be changed to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The term of Mayor in the City of Chicopee shall be changed from two years to four years.

#### Public Input

Melvin Brown, 56 Roy Street, stated that the dates on the Mayor's order do not match and that there is no section 8 in article 2 in the amendments.

Councilor Zygarowski stated that he would like the City Council changed to four years also if the Mayor's term is changed.

Councilor McLellan stated that he would be in favor of this if there was a term limit set. He suggested 8 years.

Committee vote 2 favorable 2 unfavorable. Voting in favor: Tillotson, Demers, Voting unfavorable: Zygarowski, McLellan.

#### ITEM #3

ORDAINED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, ACTING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED, THE CITY CHARTER, AND OF ANY AND EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY IT THEREUNTO ENABLING, HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 275 SECTION 50 AS FOLLOWS

A NEW CHAPTER 275 SECTION 50 B (1) (a) IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS

(a) Size. Temporary signs may not exceed 3'x3' each side in any zone.

CHAPTER 275 SECTION 50B (1) (F) IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING

Notwithstanding the preceding, any temporary sign advocating for any political candidate may be placed no more than 45 days before any primary election.

Councilor Tillotson stated that this ordinance would single out a group. There are numerous businesses and non profit organizations that utilize this size banners and they would be required to abide by this new ordinance.

The committee recommends that this proposed ordinance be further reviewed by the Law Department.

Committee vote4 – 0 unfavorable.

ITEM #4

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and hereby is further amended as follows:

Delete Chapter 53-5 Location

Delete “The Central Maintenance Garage shall be quartered on the top-level of the Highway Garage at 449 Front Street.”

Committee vote4 -0 favorable.

ITEM #5

Parking Regulations

DELETE

EAST STREET

North side. From Southwick Street to Muzzy Street

14 Minute Parking

Committee vote4 – 0 favorable.

ITEM #6

Parking Regulations

East Street

North side. From Southwick Street to Muzzy Street

No Parking

Committee vote4 – 0 favorable.

ITEM #7

Parking Regulations

Chicopee Street

West side for a distance of 35 feet at the corner of Chicopee Street and Warregan Street in front of 550

Chicopee Street

No Parking Here to Corner

Councilor Tillotson stated that Councilor Moreau requested that this be tabled.

Motion made to table. Motion passed.

ITEM #8

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Motion made to accept. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.